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Sandlin: EPA Makes Right Decision to Preserve Renewable Fuels Standard

Congresswoman led Bipartisan House Coalition Urging Administrator John

August 8, 2008, Washington D.C.-

Today, Rep. Hers

"The announcement made by the EPA today affirms the role an aggressive RFS p

In a statement released today as part of its decision, EPA "determined that the we

Herseth Sandlin noted that had the fifty percent waiver sought by Texas been gran

In June, a bipartisan coalition led by Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-SD) and I

The Honorable Stephen L. Johnson

Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20460-2403

Dear Administrator Johnson,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to any requests to waive or halt the

A careful look at the facts reveals that American agricultural producers can and will

The harsh criticism biofuels have received recently in connection with the rise in fo

With the price of oil hovering at record levels around \$125 per barrel, and Goldman

As you know, two governors have sought a waiver of the RFS. Yet, the fifty percent

Just as importantly, in the long-term, the RFS is absolutely fundamental to spurring

By growing demand for domestically produced renewable fuels, including next gen

Critics of biofuels have also failed to recognize the advances that the agricultural a

We believe the new RFS enacted in 2007 strengthens our energy security and will

Reducing or waiving the RFS at this point would only play into the hands of OPEC

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Congresswoman

Stephanie Herseth Sandlin serves South Dakota in the U.S. House of Representatives